

Assembly Committee on Growth & Infrastructure
Nevada State Legislature
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Carson City, NV 89701

Good afternoon, Chair Watts and members of the Committee. The Building & Construction Trades Council of Northern Nevada opposes AB 452 as amended. While we appreciate the sponsors' efforts, we remain concerned that AB452 stretches timelines and increases uncertainty for projects, which would be extremely detrimental for our trades.

When the rules for energy investment become murky, it's not just projects that stall – it's livelihoods. Real people, Nevada's skilled tradespeople, face fewer job opportunities, apprenticeships put on hold, and unsteady work. These aren't just numbers on a spreadsheet; each job represents someone's ability to provide for their family and contribute to our community.

Large-scale energy projects need a stable foundation to move forward. Uncertainty acts like a roadblock, making it less likely for vital infrastructure projects to get the green light. This bill, AB452, could significantly reduce investment in our energy future, directly impacting the men and women who build, maintain, and operate these crucial facilities. Every lost contract, every delayed project, chips away at the steady work our construction and trade workers rely on.

The growth of clean energy jobs hinges on clear, long-term planning. This bill injects unnecessary risk into the system without offering any tangible benefits to our hardworking members. It undermines the confidence needed to invest in projects that create good-paying jobs in our communities.

The current system already has safeguards in place to protect both customers and workers, with every dollar spent carefully reviewed by the Public Utilities Commission. Why introduce more complexity into a system that's effectively ensuring accountability and progress? Let's not jeopardize the stability and opportunities that Nevada's energy sector provides for so many individuals and families.

The Building & Construction Trades Council of Northern Nevada and our affiliates therefore strongly opposed AB452 and encourage you to do so also.

In Solidarity,

Rob Benner
Executive Secretary Treasurer
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